

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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January 12, 1984

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE 1-10-84

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL DSS ADOPTION DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: Reimbursement for Tuition and Related Educational Costs for
Children Placed into Illinois.

The State of Illinois has passed a bill in regard to school age children placed from other states into Illinois (see attached). This policy requires the sending agency which places or has placed any non-resident school age children into Illinois to negotiate a contract with the appropriate local school district in that state, ensuring reimbursement for tuition and related educational costs. Note that ICPC approval by Illinois does not constitute waiver of this educational requirement.

This policy may be applicable to children placed since July 1, 1983, as well as placements currently in planning. Any questions regarding the procedure to be used in negotiating contracts should be directed to the Illinois State Board of Education. The address and phone number are printed on the attached notice.

Questions regarding this letter should be directed to your Interstate Compact Unit Consultant at (916) 323-0920.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Loren D. Suter'.

LOREN D. SUTER
Deputy Director
Adult and Family Services Division

Attachment

cc: CWDA



STATE OF ILLINOIS

GREGORY L. COLER
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

ONE NORTH OLD STATE CAPITOL PLAZA
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706

NOTICE TO: ALL INTERSTATE OFFICES

FROM: THE ILLINOIS INTERSTATE OFFICE (ICPC)

RE: P.A. 83-530 (REIMBURSEMENT FOR TUITION AND RELATED EDUCATIONAL COSTS)

In the spring of 1983 the Illinois State Board of Education drafted legislation to amend the Illinois School Code in a manner which will impact on the placement of school age children into our state. The bill was passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor James Thompson with an effective date of July 1, 1983.

It is our understanding from the State Board of Education that this bill is intended to require the placing party of any non-resident school age child currently in placement in this state or entering Illinois for placement for the first time to negotiate a contract with the appropriate local school district assuring reimbursement for tuition and related educational costs as a condition of enrollment. The amendment includes both regular classroom students and those requiring specialized educational services. This amendment specifically includes children placed in residential facilities, foster homes and relative homes and may include children placed with parents and in pre-adoptive homes as well.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE DIRECT YOUR INQUIRIES TO:

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois 62777

Phone: (217) 782-2221

We bring this to your attention as it may impact on placement planning for your proposed and existing placements into Illinois. Regretfully, approval of any placement through the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children does not constitute any waiver of this statutory requirement. Therefore, it is possible that any child placed into our state will be denied school enrollment until such a time as the placing party has made the necessary arrangements with the local Illinois school district for the reimbursement of educational expenses.

cc: American Public Welfare Association
Dr. Donald Gill, Superintendent, Illinois State Board of Education